

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 December 1958		2. LOCATION Matawan, New Jersey		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Contrail</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1637 EST</u> GMT <u>01/2137Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE - - -	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object appearing like jet trail, white inclined 60 dgr to horizon leveling off to horizontal. Became small white but turned end for end and vanished.				11. COMMENTS Probably a/c contrail.	

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Matawan, New Jersey
3 December, 1958

Department of the Air Force
Washington, D.C.

Att: Officer in Charge
UFO Office

Gentlemen:

We would like to report the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object on 1 December, 1958 at approximately 1637 hours E.S.T.

The object when first sighted seemed to be a jet trail inasmuch it was white in color and had that general shape. When first sighted it was inclined approximately 60° with the horizon. It then changed to a level position. A few moments later it seemed to turn end for end (still in a level position) until it became a small white brilliant dot. Then without any other apparent motion it vanished. The object was under observation for about two minutes.

Our position of observation was;

latitude $40^\circ 25.25'$
Longitude $74^\circ 13.5'$

Approximate altitude of sighting was 3° . approximate bearing was 230° True. Height of observers above mean sea level was approximately 45'. Apparent distance of the object was five miles. Naturally we cannot be certain of this since its exact size is naturally unknown. Observer position and bearing to object was determined from C.&G.S. Chart No. 369.

Observers were:

Mr. I. [redacted]
[redacted]
Westfield, N.J.

Mr. W. [redacted]
[redacted]
Matawan, N.J.

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Matawan, N.J.

All three observers are engineers employed by the Industrial Washing Machine Corp. located in Matawan at which location the UFO was sighted. It would be appreciated if the information contained in this letter be kept confidential.

Please do not hesitate contacting us if you require any further information. A sketch showing the shape and maneuvering of the UFO is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

[redacted signature]

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MEMO ROUTING SLIP		NEVER USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS, CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS	
1 NAME OR TITLE	Col. Glaser	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	AFCIN-4E4	DATE	1
2	Col. Gilbert	7 Jan 59	COORDINATION
	AFCIN-4E		FILE
3	Maj. Tacker		INFORMATION
	SAFIS-3		NECESSARY ACTION
4			NOTE AND RETURN
			SEE ME
			SIGNATURE
<p>REMARKS</p> <p>1. Request you forward the attached questionnaires to the three gentlemen referenced in the attached letter.</p> <p>2. Also request you inform this office if you have a supply of questionnaires on hand, if so, then it is unnecessary for us to send them with each letter.</p>			
FROM NAME OR TITLE		DATE	
Maj. Robert J. Friend		7 Jan 59	
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION		TELEPHONE	
AFCIN-4E4		6-9216	

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Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your UFO sighting report of 1 December 1958 contains insufficient evidence to allow a valid analysis or conclusion.

Therefore, request each of the individuals concerned to complete the inclosed U. S. Air Force Technical Information Sheets forwarding them, upon completion, direct to the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Sincerely,

3 Incls

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

Mr. [REDACTED]
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Matawan, New Jersey

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